

# The Senate

## BUSINESS OF COMMITTEES

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### SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

**Public Hearings: Budget Estimates for 2008–09 (Supplementary Hearings)**

**Monday, 20 and Tuesday, 21 October 2008**

**Committee Room 2S1  
Parliament House  
Canberra ACT**

*To be televised on Channel 12, Radio 90.3*

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#### AGENDA

#### MONDAY, 20 OCTOBER 2008

**9.00am**  
(until 12.30pm approx)

Senator Hogg

### **Parliamentary departments**

#### **Department of the Senate**

General questions

**Outcome: Effective provision of services to support the functioning of the Senate as a House of the Commonwealth Parliament**

Output Group 1—Clerk's Office

Output Group 2—Table Office

Output Group 3—Procedure Office

Output Group 4—Committee Office

Output Group 5—Black Rod's Office

#### **Department of Parliamentary Services**

General questions

**Outcome: Occupants of Parliament House are supported by integrated services and facilities, Parliament functions effectively and its work and buildings are accessible to the public**

Output Group 1—Library Services

- Output 1.1—Research services
- Output 1.2—Information Access Services

Output Group 2—Building and Occupant Services

- Output 2.1—Security Services
- Output 2.2—Facilities Services

Output Group 3—Infrastructure Services

- Output 3.1—Building Infrastructure Services
- Output 3.2—IT Infrastructure Services

Output Group 4—Parliamentary Records Services

- Output 4.1—Broadcasting Services
- Output 4.2—Hansard Services

## **Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio**

### **Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General**

**Outcome 1: The Governor-General is enabled to perform the constitutional, statutory, ceremonial and public duties associated with the appointment**

Output Group 1.1—Support of the Governor-General

Output Group 1.2—Administration of the Australian Honours and Awards system

Senator Faulkner  
(1.30pm to 7.30pm approx.)

### **Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet**

General questions

**Outcome: Sound and well coordinated government policies, programs and decision making processes**

Output Group 1—Economic and Industry Policy

- Output 1.1—Economic and Industry Policy

Output Group 2—Social Policy

- Output 2.1—Social Policy
- Output 2.2—Work and Family
- Output 2.3—Social Inclusion

Output Group 3—International and National Security Policy

- Output 3.1—International Policy
- Output 3.2—National Security Policy

Administered Item—National Counter-Terrorism Committee

- Output 3.3—APEC Taskforce<sup>1</sup>

Output Group 4—Strategic Policy

- Output 4.1—Strategic Policy

Output Group 5—Support Services for Government Operations

- Output 5.1—Cabinet Support
- Output 5.2—Machinery of Government

Administered Item—National Australia Day Council

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<sup>1</sup> Activity is reported against Output 3.3: APEC Taskforce 2007–08 only reflecting the lapsing nature of these activities.

- Output 5.3—Support to Official Establishments  
Administered Item—Prime Minister's official residences
- Output 5.4—Support for Ministerial Offices  
Administered Item—Allowance and support to former  
Governors-General
- Output 5.5—Ceremonial and Hospitality  
Administered Item—State Occasions and Official Visits
- Output 5.6—Freedom of Information and Privacy Policy
- Output 5.7—2020 Summit<sup>2</sup>
- Output 5.8—Government Communications<sup>3</sup>

## **Australian National Audit Office**

### **Outcome 1: Improvement in public administration – independent assessment of the performance of selected Australian Government public sector activities, including the scope for improving efficiency and administrative effectiveness**

#### Output Group 1—Performance Audit Services

- Output 1.1—Performance Audit Reports
- Output 1.2—Other Audit and Related Services

### **Outcome 2: Assurance – independent assurance of Australian Government public sector financial reporting, administration, control and accountability**

#### Output Group 2—Information Support Services

- Output 2.1—Assistance to Parliament
- Output 2.2—National and International Representation
- Output 2.3—Client Seminars
- Output 2.4—Better Practice Guides

#### Output Group 3—Assurance Audit Services

- Output 3.1—Financial Statement Audit Reports
- Output 3.2—Other Assurance Reports

## **Australian Public Service Commission**

### **Outcome: A confident, high quality, values-based and sustainable Australian Public Service**

#### Output Group 1—APS policy and employment services

- Output 1.1—Advice and support to Minister, Executive and Agency Heads
- Output 1.2—Employment services
- Output 1.3—International assistance and organisations
- Output 1.4—Merit protection and other services

#### Output Group 2—Development programmes

- Output 2.1—Leadership services
- Output 2.2—Programme delivery

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<sup>2</sup> Activity is reported against Output 5.7: 2020 Summit for 2007–08 only reflecting the lapsing nature of these activities.

<sup>3</sup> The PM&C PBS p. 21 states: 'With the abolition of the Government Communications Unit (GCU) and transfer of AUSPIC to the Department of Finance and Deregulation, the outputs have been renumbered with GCU and AUSPIC being reported against Output 5.8 Government Communications in 2007–08, for the period that these functions were part of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet'.

- Output 2.3—National / international programmes
- Output Group 3—Better practice and evaluation
- Output 3.1—Indigenous employment
  - Output 3.2—Promote better practice
  - Output 3.3—Statistical / information services
  - Output 3.4—Research and evaluation

### **Office of the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security**

#### **Outcome 1: Assurance that Australia's intelligence agencies act legally, ethically and with propriety**

Output Group 1.1—Inspect, inquire into, and report on, the activities of the intelligence and security agencies

### **Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman**

#### **Outcome: Administrative action by Australian government agencies is fair and accountable**

Output 1—Review of administrative action

Output 2—Review of statutory compliance in specified areas

### **Old Parliament House**

Senator Wong  
(7.30pm approx.)

### **Department of Climate Change**

#### **Outcome 1: The well being of present and future generations of Australians is improved by contributing to effective national and global responses to climate change through policy advice, negotiations, and program delivery**

Output Group 1.1—Response to climate change

- Output 1.1.1—International engagement
- Output 1.1.2—Emissions management
- Output 1.1.3—Understanding of climate change

### **Office of the Renewable Energy Regulator**

#### **Outcome 1: Increased Renewable Electricity Generation**

- Output 1.1—Renewable Energy Certificate Management
- Output 1.2—Managing Compliance with Legislation

## **TUESDAY, 21 OCTOBER 2008**

**9.00am**

Senator Faulkner  
(9.00am to 12.30pm  
approx.)

### **Finance and Deregulation portfolio**

#### **Australian Electoral Commission**

#### **Outcome 1: An Effective Electoral Roll—Australians have an electoral roll which ensures their voter entitlement and provides the basis for the planning of electoral events and electoral redistributions**

Output Group 1.1—Electoral roll management

- Output 1.1.1—Electoral roll management

- Output 1.1.2—Support services for electoral redistributions

**Outcome 2: An Impartial and Independent Electoral System—Stakeholders and customers have access to and advice on impartial and independent electoral services and participate in electoral events**

Output Group 2.1—Elections, ballots and referendums

- Output 2.1.1—Federal elections, by-elections and referendums
- Output 2.1.2—Party registrations
- Output 2.1.3—Funding and disclosure services
- Output 2.1.4—Fee-for-service elections
- Output 2.1.5—Industrial and Torres Strait Regional Authority elections

Output 2.1.6—Advice and assistance in overseas elections

**Outcome 3: An Informed Community—An Australian community which is well informed about electoral matters**

Output Group 3.1—Electoral education

- Output 3.1.1—Electoral education centres
- Output 3.1.2—School and community programmes
- Output 3.1.3—Communication strategies and services

**Department of Finance and Deregulation**

**Outcome 3: Efficiently functioning parliament**

Output Group 3.1—Ministerial and Parliamentary Services

- Output 3.1.1—Services to Senators, Members and their Staff

Output 3.1.2—VIP Hire Car Services

Senator Sherry  
(1.30pm to 8.30pm approx.)

**Department of Finance and Deregulation – *Continued***

General questions

**Outcome 1: Sustainable government finances**

Output Group 1.1—Budget

Output 1.1.1—Budget Advice

Output Group 1.2—Financial Management

- Output 1.2.1—Financial Framework
- Output 1.2.2—Financial Reporting
- Output 1.2.3—Public Sector Superannuation Advice
- Output 1.2.4—Office of Evaluation and Audit
- Output 1.2.5—Deregulation and Regulatory Reform

**ComSuper<sup>4</sup>**

**Outcome 1: Superannuation administration services that meet the expectations of Government, scheme trustees, employers, members and beneficiaries**

Output Group 1.1—Superannuation administration services

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<sup>4</sup> May be taken concurrently with DFD Output 1.2.3 Public sector superannuation advice

## **Australian Reward Investment Alliance<sup>5</sup>**

### **Outcome 1: Effective and efficient administration of Australian Government superannuation schemes**

Output Group 1.1—Superannuation scheme governance

## **Department of Finance and Deregulation – *Continued***

### **Outcome 2: Improved and more efficient government operations**

Output Group 2.1—Government Businesses

- Output 2.1.1—Government Business Enterprises Ownership and Divestment
- Output 2.1.2—Insurance and Risk Management
- Output 2.1.3—Special Claims and Land Policy

Output Group 2.2—Property and Construction

- Output 2.2.1—Property Management
- Output 2.2.2—Major Projects

Output Group 2.3—Procurement Management

- Output 2.3.1—Procurement Framework
- Output 2.3.2—Coordinated Procurement Contracting

## **Medibank Private Ltd**

## **Department of Finance and Deregulation – *Continued***

### **Outcome 4: Effective and efficient use of information and communication technologies by the Australian Government**

Output Group 4.1—Australian Government Information Management Office

- Output 4.1.1—Productive Use of Information and Communication Technologies

7.30pm (approx.)

## **The Future Fund Management Agency**

### **Outcome: Managing and growing publicly funded investments to meet future financial needs and contribute to the prosperity of future generations of Australians**

Output 1.1—Management of the Future Fund

Output 1.2—Management of the Higher Education Endowment Fund

## **Human Services portfolio**

Senator Ludwig  
(8.30pm to 11.00pm approx.)

## **Department of Human Services**

General questions

### **Outcome 1: Effective and efficient delivery of social and health related services, including financial assistance to the Australian**

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<sup>5</sup> May be taken concurrently with DFD Output 1.2.3 Public sector superannuation advice

## **community**

Output 1—Core Department

Output 2—Child Support Agency

Output 3—CRS Australia

## **Centrelink**

**Outcome 1: Access to Government services that effectively support: self sufficiency through participation in employment, education, training and the community; families and people in need; and the integrity of Government outlays in these areas**

Output Group 1.1—Effective and Efficient delivery of Government services

## **Medicare Australia**

**Outcome: Improving Australia's health through payments and information**

Output Group 1.1—Delivery of Australian Government payments and information services

## **Health Services Australia**

## **Australian Hearing**

<b>PROPOSED BREAKS</b>	Morning Tea	10.45 to 11.00
	Lunch	12.30 to 13.30
	Afternoon Tea	15:45 to 16:00
	Dinner	18:30 to 19:30
	Tea	21:15 to 21:30

Committee Chair: Senator Helen Polley

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